GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF GAS PIPELINE BY IOCL WITH ESSAR GROUP
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has tied up with the Essar group for the construction of a gas pipeline connecting Vadodara with Ahmedabad for the transportation of liquefied natural gas from Petronet`s Dahej and Shell`s Hazira terminals;

(b) if so, whether the IOCL also propose to construct a 14000 Km. pipeline in partnership with the US energy major UNOCAL for the transportation of gas from Bangladesh;

(c) if so, the details of the projects finalised in this regard and the cost involved in the construction of each of the two projects; and

(d) the time by which the projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) M/s Gujarat State Petronet Ltd. (GSPL) had floated a tender for implementation of their Vadodara-Ahmedabad-Kalol gas pipeline project on turnkey contract basis. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) had participated in the said tender in a consortium comprising M/s Stroytransgaz (STG), Moscow (leader of the consortium) and M/s Essar Constructions Ltd., Mumbai (ECL). The tender of the STG-ECL-IOCL consortium was accepted by GSPL and the work has since been awarded to the consortium.

(b) There is no formal proposal by IOCL to construct pipeline in partnership with UNOCAL for transportation of gas from Bangladesh. However, a consortium of three Oil Public Sector Undertakings, namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL and Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited has been formed to participate in any venture for import of natural gas from Bangladesh.

(c)&(d) Vadodara-Ahmadabad-Kalol gas pipeline is 133 Km. long and has contract value of Rs.198 crore of which IOCL`s share is Rs.3.90 crore. The pipeline will transport natural gas from Vadodara to Ahmedabad and then to Kalol. The project is scheduled for completion in 12 months.

With regard to gas pipeline from Bangladesh, Government of Bangladesh has not taken any decision to export gas to India.